

HOUSE BILL 819

By Borchert

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69,
Chapter 3, relative to the water quality control act
and wetlands.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is created a special committee to be known as the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act study committee. The study committee shall investigate amending the law related to wetlands. The committee's investigation shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the state water quality plan, the current condition of the state's waters, and applicable federal laws.

SECTION 2. The committee shall consist of six (6) members as follows:

- (1) Three (3) senators appointed by the speaker of the senate; and
- (2) Three (3) representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

SECTION 3. The committee shall elect a chair at its first meeting. The chair shall hold such hearings, invite such guests, convene such meetings, and otherwise conduct such business as the chair deems necessary for the committee to efficiently and effectively perform its duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 4. Four (4) members of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of those members present shall be required for any action taken by the committee. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, meetings may be conducted by use of telephonic equipment or other appropriate methods authorized by the chair, and members who take advantage of such methods shall be considered to be in attendance at the meeting for all purposes.

SECTION 5. The committee shall present a final report to the senate environment, conservation, and tourism committee and the conservation and environment committee of the house of representatives no later than February 1, 2008, and the committee shall cease to exist after presenting its final report.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring